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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a list of additional references that have been identified by Applicant. References FA-FD and FQ-FJ were cited in a partial International Search Report in PCT Ser. No. PCT/US02/28951 mailed July 8, 2003 (listed as reference FL). PCT/US02/28951 is counterpart to U.S. Ser. No. 10/241,816, filed Sep. 11, 2002, which is a continuation-in-part of the present application.

Copies of references FA and FC-FL are provided herewith. Reference FB was previously cited in a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed December 27, 2002.

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FB	US 4,065,263	12/27/77	Woodbridge, III	23	253	
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FG	WO 97/27324	07/31/97	WIPO				X
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FI	EP 0 047806	03/24/82	Europe				X
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**OTHER DOCUMENTS***(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages Etc.)*

FL	Partial International Search Report for PCT/US02/28951, Mailed on July 08, 2003.

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